(ग) 1998-99 (अप्रैल, 98 — जनवरी, 99) के दौरान निजी क्षेत्र द्वारा उत्पादित अपष्कृत इस्पात देश में हुए कुल उत्पादन का 45.58% होने का अनुमान लगाया गया है।

(घ) और (ङ) परिसज्जित इस्पात की प्रत्यक्ष खपत, देश में हुआ कुल उत्पादन और इसमें निजी क्षेत्र का योगदान नीचे तालिका में दिया गया है:—

(मिलियन टन)

वर्ष	इस्पात खपत (उतपादन +आयात -निर्यात)	कुल उत्पादन	निजी क्षेत्र का प्रतिशत योगदान
1995-96	21.29	21.40	59
1996-97	22.12	22.72	62.4
1997-98	22.63	23.37	63.5

Heavy Losses suffered by SAIL

738. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether SAIL suffered heavy losses to the tune of over Rs. 36 crores in giving certain private parties unsecured credit and supplying material worth crores of rupees without any letter of credit or bank guarantee;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action contemplated by Government against private parties which defrauded Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (c) A source information alleging loss of about Rs. 36 crores to Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) due to showing favours to some private parties by extending unsecured credit facility without bank guarantee for supply of material by SAIL has been received by this Ministry. As per normal commerical practice, in the domestic market being followed by SAIL since 1992-93, unsecured credit limit of Rs. 26.08 crore has been granted to certain firms in North India with the approval of the competent authority without any bank guarantee or letter or credit by collecting post-dated cheques and personal guarantees of the owner/partners/Directors etc., of the firm. When the post dated cheques submitted by customers bounced on presentation to the bank, SAIL initiated legal action in various courts against 8 firms in North India for recovery of outstanding dues which include:

(i) Action against the party under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

(ii) Filing Civil/Criminal cases agaisnt the parties; and

(iii) Moving the court for attaching the property of the party till such time the dues are realised.

Substantial part payments have been recovered subsequently due to efforts made for recovery of dues from the concerned parties.

Requirement of Iron, etc. in Steel Plants

739. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the requirement of iron (lump), iron (fines), limestone and dolomite in each of the steel plants at Bhilai, Bokaro, Durgapur Rourkela and IISCO in 1997-98;

(b) the quantity of ores supplied to these steel plants from different mines during the said period, ore-wise, plant-wise and mine-wise; and

(c) the quantity of these ores available in the different mines as on 1st April, 1997 and 31st March 1998, ore-wise and mine-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (c) The information is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 186, Annexure No. 15].